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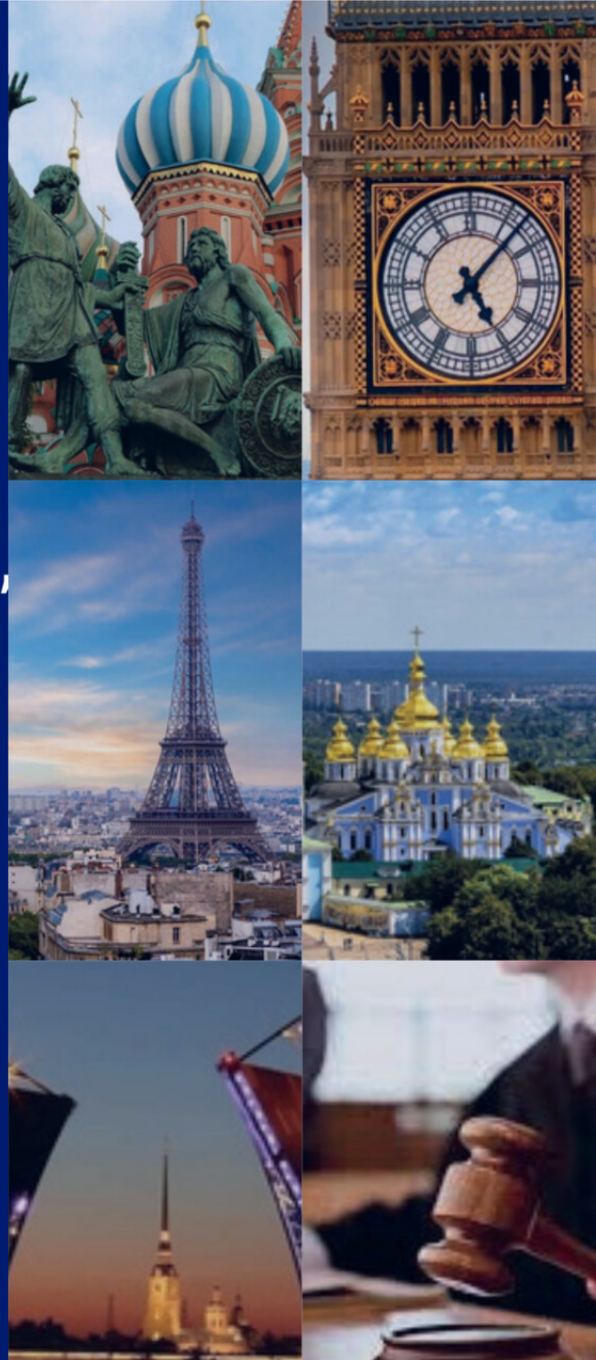
CIS-RELATED DISPUTES: TREATIES, SANCTIONS, COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

5-6 OCTOBER 2026

ONLINE

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LEADING PRACTITIONERS, ARBITRATORS, IN-HOUSE COUNSEL, EXPERTS AND POLICYMAKERS

Two focused days on sanctions, cross-border proceedings, commercial and investment arbitration, and enforcement across the CIS region.

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OVERVIEW

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On 5-6 October 2026, the 2nd conference on CIS-related disputes will bring together leading practitioners, arbitrators, in-house counsel, experts and policymakers to discuss the most challenging problems in disputes involving Russia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and other countries of the CIS region.

Four panels and a closing roundtable will feature recognised experts presenting their views and answering questions from the audience, covering commercial and investor-State arbitration, sanctions and countermeasures, parallel proceedings, and enforcement.

The conference is an opportunity to stay on top of the most recent developments related to the region, establish new connections and demonstrate expertise.

TOPICS DISCUSSED

01 SANCTIONS, COUNTERMEASURES AND COMPLIANCE

How sanctions, countermeasures and compliance are reshaping cross-border disputes, including foreign court responses to Russia's Lugovoy Law, the UK's 'no liability' provision and recent Belarusian measures.

02 PARALLEL PROCEEDINGS AND JURISDICTION

Parallel proceedings, anti-suit injunctions and jurisdictional competition, the impact of the Lugovoy Law on cross-border enforcement and European counter-counter-sanctions.

03 COMMERCIAL AND INVESTMENT ARBITRATION

Recent developments in commercial and investment arbitration across the CIS, focusing on ISDS reform in Central Asia.

04 RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT

Recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards, with particular attention to Russian and Lugovoy Law judgments.

CLOSING ROUNDTABLE

Five Predictions for the Next Five Years

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MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2026

ALL TIMES BRITISH SUMMER TIME (LONDON, UK)

09:00-09:15

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- Prof Yarik Kryvoi - British Institute of International and Comparative Law and Keidan Harrison, London

09:15-09:45

KEYNOTE 1

- The Respective Roles of International Commercial Courts and Arbitration

Sir Rupert Jackson - 4 New Square and Astana International Financial Centre Court, London and Astana

09:45-11:15

PANEL 1. SANCTIONS, COUNTERMEASURES AND COMPLIANCE

CHAIR: Prof Yarik Kryvoi - BIICL, London

- A Delicate Roar: European Counter-Counter-Sanctions and Their Future Role in Disputes with Russian Business

Noah Rubins KC - Partner, Freshfields, Paris

- No Liability = No Justice? The Gradual Tightening of the 'No Liability' Provision in UK Sanctions Disputes

Laurence Ridgway - Associate, Baker Botts (UK) LLP, London

- Legislative and Policy Measures Adopted by the Republic of Belarus Which Affect International Arbitration Proceedings

Maksim Salahub - Senior Counsel, Sorainen, Vilnius

11:15-11:30

NETWORKING BREAK

11:30-13:00

PANEL 2. PARALLEL PROCEEDINGS, ANTI-SUIT INJUNCTIONS AND JURISDICTIONAL COMPETITION

CHAIR: Prof Noah Rubins KC - Partner, Freshfields, Paris

- Anti-Suit Injunctions: A Remarkable Transformation from a Procedural Instrument into a Central Element of International Litigation Strategy

Ekaterina Kuteynikova - Associate, Resolut, Moscow

- Legislative and Policy Measures Adopted by the Republic of Belarus Which Affect International Arbitration Proceedings

Valikhan Shaikenov - Senior Counsel, Sorainen, Vilnius

- From the Lugovoy Law to Article 11ca: The Emerging Clash of Russian and EU Responses to Sanctions-Related Arbitration

Anatoly Matveev - Of Counsel, Gherson LLP, London



TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2026

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KEYNOTE 2 FOLLOWED BY Q&A

- The New Geography of CIS-Related Disputes: New Seats, New Institutions, New Realities

Rahul Donde - International Arbitrator, Geneva and Mumbai

09:45-11:15

PANEL 3. COMMERCIAL AND INVESTMENT ARBITRATION IN THE CIS REGION

CHAIR: Anatoly Matveev - Of Counsel, Gherson LLP, London

- ISDS Reform: Quo Vadis Central Asia?
Elijah Putilin - Putilin Dispute Management, Tashkent
- Amicable Dispute Settlement: How Sanctions and Countermeasures Affect It
Dmitry Davydenko - Of Counsel, Lexicom Law Bureau, Moscow
- Investment Claims Against CIS States: Navigating the Intra-CIS Treaty Landscape, Including Claims Under the EAEU Framework
Sargis Grigoryan - Grigoryan Disputes, Yerevan

11:15-11:30

NETWORKING BREAK

11:30-12:30

PANEL 4. ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN JUDGMENTS AND ARBITRAL AWARDS

CHAIR: Laurence Ridgway - Associate, Baker Botts LLP, London

- Russian State Court Judgments Are Not Enforceable Abroad: A Practical Reality or a Deceptive Myth?

Konstantin Kroll - Dentons, London

- Enforcement of Lugovoy Judgments in Greater China: A Principled Analysis

Dr Wing So - Resolution Chambers, Hong Kong

12:30-13:00

CLOSING ROUNDTABLE

- Five Predictions for the Next Five Years

13:00-13:10

CLOSING REMARKS

- Prof Yarik Kryvoi - BIICL, London

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



SIR RUPERT JACKSON

4 NEW SQUARE CHAMBERS AND ASTANA INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE COURT, LONDON AND ASTANA

Sir Rupert Jackson practised as a barrister from 1973 to 1998. After serving as a judge for some twenty years, he rejoined Chambers as an arbitrator in March 2018. He has also conducted numerous adjudications and mediations. During his practice at the Bar, Sir Rupert appeared as counsel in both domestic and international arbitrations, principally in London and Hong Kong. He also sat as arbitrator.



RAHUL DONDE

RD DISPUTE RESOLUTION, GENEVA AND MUMBAI

Rahul Donde is an independent arbitrator and counsel with nearly two decades of experience in international commercial and investment arbitration. Trained in the common law and with over sixteen years of practice in a civil law jurisdiction, he sits as sole arbitrator, presiding arbitrator and co-arbitrator in institutional and ad hoc proceedings seated across Europe, Asia and the Middle East.



PROF. DR. YARIK KRYVOI

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Prof Kryvoi is a co-director of the Arbitration Lab. He is the Senior Fellow in International Economic Law and Director of the Investment Treaty Forum at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law in London. He is also Of Counsel at Keidan Harrison in London. Prof Kryvoi is currently engaged in a number of law reform and capacity-building projects for the United Nations, governmental agencies and academic institutions. He is listed as an arbitrator by several institutions, including the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, the Asian International Arbitration Centre and the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration.



NOAH RUBINS KC

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Noah is a partner in Freshfields' International Arbitration Group in Paris and heads the firm's global CIS/Russia dispute resolution practice. A barrister of England and Wales and qualified in the United States and France, he has represented clients in over 100 arbitrations under major institutional rules, including some 35 investment treaty disputes. He specialises in mining, construction and energy disputes under contracts and bilateral investment treaties.



KONSTANTIN KROLL

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Konstantin Kroll is a London-based partner who focuses on special situations, sanctions, distressed M&A, restructurings and disputes. Triple qualified as a solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales, Russian advocate, and Irish solicitor (non-practising), he has over 29 years of transactional experience. He has been recognised in the areas of M&A, Capital Markets and Dispute Resolution/Arbitration and Mediation by various international legal directories.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



DR WING SO

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Wing is Counsel and Arbitrator at Resolution Chambers, Hong Kong and Shenzhen. Wing mainly focuses on international commercial arbitration and cross-border litigation, including maritime, aviation and construction disputes. His arbitration practice often involves cases seated outside Hong Kong. He acts as both counsel and arbitrator internationally - typically in cases regarding investments and projects in CIS, SEA or MENA countries.



DR SARGIS GRIGORYAN

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Sargis Grigoryan is an arbitration lawyer based in California. He is a civil and common law-trained, trilingual lawyer with over 17 years of experience representing clients from all over the world in international commercial and investment arbitration under the rules of all major arbitral institutions. He specialises in commodities and international trade, construction and energy disputes under commercial contracts and bilateral investment treaties.



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ASSOCIATE, RESOLUT, MOSCOW

Ekaterina specialises in complex cross-border disputes, including interstate matters, commercial arbitration and litigation. She has represented states, companies and private clients in courts, governmental agencies and leading arbitration institutions, including LMAA, SAC, HKIAC and LCIA. Ekaterina is a certified expert in sanctions matters.



VALIKHAN SHAIKENOV

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Valikhan is a Partner at ADL Disputes. With over 20 years of legal practice, he has worked across various areas as a transactional lawyer, arbitration and litigation counsel, international arbitrator and law expert. Valikhan's expertise lies in civil law, civil procedure, and international commercial and investment arbitration. He has handled cases in diverse sectors such as construction, international trade, energy projects, oil and gas, shareholder disputes, debt restructuring, professional negligence, derivative transactions, insolvency, rehabilitation, tax litigation and sovereign immunity.



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Laurence's practice focuses on international arbitration and commercial litigation, as well as UK and EU sanctions advice. He has represented clients in commercial and investment arbitration proceedings under various institutional rules, as well as in litigation before the English courts. Laurence is proficient in Russian, and many of his recent instructions have concerned disputes and international sanctions issues relating to the Russian-speaking world.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



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SENIOR COUNSEL, SORAINEN LAW FIRM, LITHUANIA AND MINSK

Maksim is a senior counsel within the firm's Corporate and M&A Practice Group. He has advised clients on landmark M&A deals and investment projects in various industries. Maksim believes that respect for and proper protecting the fruit of creative labour is paramount to increasing wealth and prosperity in the CIS region.



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Rinat is a US-qualified attorney, admitted in New York, and holds civil and common law degrees. In his current role as a Legal Consultant at a New York-based law firm, Rinat represents domestic and international entities on a variety of general corporate matters and cross-border transactions, as well as assisting clients in navigating complex compliance issues.



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Elijah Putilin is a civil law-qualified lawyer with over 10 years of experience in cross-border dispute management gained in-house and working in top international law firms. Elijah also regularly sits as sole arbitrator, presiding arbitrator or co-arbitrator in cases administered by arbitral institutions in the CIS and MENA regions that involve the application of civil, common or international law.



DR DMITRY DAVYDENKO

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Dmitry is a known Russian expert in mediation, arbitration and private international law. Practising in legal consulting for more than 20 years, he has been involved in many Russian and cross-border litigations and arbitrations relating to various economic sectors, including natural resources and construction works. He has taken part in international arbitrations under the Rules of the ICC and other arbitral institutions.



ANATOLY MATVEEV

OF COUNSEL, GHERSON LLP, LONDON

Anatoly works on international arbitration disputes, commercial litigation cases and sanctions matters. He also acts as a Russian law expert in English courts. Before moving to the UK, Anatoly was a lawyer in Russia, where he represented clients in arbitrazh courts and competition tribunals and advised on corporate and competition law matters.